

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

RE: Patent Application for : Dated: October 17, 2000  
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Serial No.: 09/237,687 : Examiner: C. Kim  
Filed: January 26, 1999 : Action: **COMMUNICATION**  
For: **A FLUID CONTAINER** : **TO THE DRAFTSMAN**  
**CLOSURE MECHANISM** :  
**WITH DETACHABLE** :  
**VALVE ASSEMBLY** :

TO: Attention: The Official Draftsman  
The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231



Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2000, Applicants hereby request that the drawings, Figures 12 and 13, in the above referenced patent application be amended as indicated in the photocopies of the corrected figures. Copies of these figures showing the proposed corrections in red ink is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**In the Drawings**

In Figure 12, the leader line for element 82 has been corrected.

In Figure 13, the leader line for element 28 has been corrected.

**In the Specification**

Page 9, line 7, delete "duct" and substitute "--sleeve--";

**In the Claims**

Claim 1 (Once Amended) A closure for a container that is adapted to hold a product for dispensing, comprising:

(a) a cap member mountable to a container, said cap member having a product outlet passage and a sleeve defining said outlet passage that includes a guide member and a longitudinal slot along said guide member; and

(b) a valve body disposed for longitudinal movement within said [outlet passage] sleeve between an open position to permit flow of product through said passage from said container and a closed position to prevent flow of product through